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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 11/25/2020
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Tammy M. Stewart
Office: Judge, Juvenile Court, Section B
Parish: Orleans
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Major

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 90-P
Original Due Date: 8/5/2020
Date Filed: 8/11/2020
Activity Receipts: \$-0
Expenditures: \$-0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$600
Days Late: 6
Late Fee Order Received: 9/30/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 10/20/2020
Waiver Request Received: 10/6/2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: The tardiness in the filing of her report was an error in her understanding of the applicable law. She did not accept, distribute, or collect any campaign funds during the course of this all election. Therefore, she erroneously believed that a report was not required to be filed. Once she received notification on August 6 that the report was delinquent, she immediately filed the report which shows that no campaign funds were received or distributed on my behalf.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

Tammy M. Stewart
4611 Lennox Blvd.
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(504) 512-1833

October 6, 2020

To: Louisiana Board of Ethics

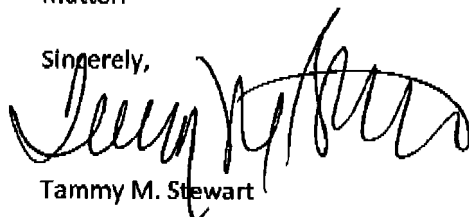
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Dear Honorable Board Members:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 28, 2020, which assesses a late fee in the amount of \$600.00, due to the late filing of my 90 day campaign finance report for the November 3, 2020 election (copy attached). While I acknowledge that the report was not filed timely, as it was filed six (6) days past the deadline, I am writing to request a waiver of the late fee. I realize that campaign reports are a necessary function to ensure transparency and fairness in the process. The tardiness in the filing of my report was an error in my understanding of the applicable law. I did not accept, distribute, or collect any campaign funds during the course of this all election. Therefore, I erroneously believed that a report was not required to be filed. Once I received notification on August 6 that the report was delinquent, I immediately filed the report which shows that no campaign funds were received or distributed on my behalf.

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Sincerely,



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September 28, 2020

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RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
90-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 6 days late

Dear Tammy M. Stewart:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$600 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment. If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

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You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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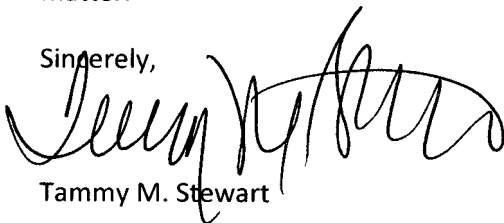
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